REMARKS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Claims 1, 3, 6 , 8, 9, 11 -13, and 15 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 5, 7, 10, and 14 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Drawing Objections

Applicant has submitted herein proposed corrected drawings to address the examiner's objections. Corrections have also been made to the specification. With regard to Figure 1, applicant submits Figure 1 represents an illustration of the prior art and no reference numbers are necessary.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

The examiner rejected claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 14 and 15 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Appropriate corrections have been made with the foregoing amendments.

35 U.S.C. § 102(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Bhatia U.S. Patent No. 6,094,347 (hereinafter referred to as "Bhatia").

"To anticipate a claims, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Applicants' independent claims include limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by Bhatia. Therefore, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Bhatia.

In particular, applicants' independent claims include the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of a docking station having convective unit to remove internal ambient air to reduce internal ambient air temperature when the computer system is docked, the convection unit forces air into the computer system when the computer system is docked, *wherein the docking station includes a cooling unit to generate air to be forced into the computer system that is of a lower temperature compared to an ambient air temperature within said computer system*.

Bhatia, however, does not disclose or suggest a *docking station having a cooling unit to generate air to be forced into the computer system that is of a lower temperature compared to an ambient air temperature within said computer system*. Therefore, applicants'

claims include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by Bhatia, and applicants' independent claims are therefore not anticipated by Bhatia.

Furthermore, the remaining claims that were also rejected as being anticipated by Bhatia, depend from one of the independent claims as discussed above. As a result, the dependent claims include the distinguishing claim limitation discussed above and are also not anticipated by Bhatia.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant hereby amends Paragraph 0017 beginning on page 4 of the application as follows:

[0017] (Amended) The notebook computer includes vents [310]314 that decrease the release of air from the internal chamber of the computer notebook to assist in creating positively pressurizing the internal chamber of the notebook computer. In alternative embodiments, other types of units to force air into the notebook computer (and positively pressurize the internal chamber of the notebook) may be used without departing from the scope of the invention.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 4, 5, 7, 10, and 14 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

A marked-up version of the amended claims is as follows:

1.(Amended) A[n apparatus] docking station comprising:

[a first aperture to dock a computer system;]

[at least a second] an aperture to align with an aperture of [the] a computer system [exposing a thermal spreader], when the computer system is docked; and

a convective unit to remove internal ambient air to reduce internal ambient air temperature when the computer system is docked, [wherein] the convection unit forces air into the computer system when the computer system is docked; wherein the apparatus includes a cooling unit to generate air to be forced into the computer system that is of a lower temperature compared to an ambient air temperature within said computer system.

3. (Amended) The [apparatus] docking station of claim 1, wherein the convection unit is to exhale[s] air from the computer system when the computer system is docked.

4. Canceled.

5. Canceled.

6. (Amended) A computer system comprising:

a first aperture to align with an aperture of a docking station when the computer system is docked, the first aperture [exposing a thermal spreader within the computer system, the aperture] providing an air passage way for air movement generated by a convective unit in the docking station, wherein the aperture aligned with the thermal spreader receives air movement in response to the convective unit in the docking station forcing air into the computer system, the air forced into the computer station from the docking station is at a temperature lower than an ambient temperature within the computer system, the docking station having a cooling unit.

7. Canceled.

9. ((Amended) The computer system of claim 6, wherein the aperture [aligned with the thermal spreader] of the computer system releases air movement in response to the convective unit in the docking station exhaling air from within the computer system.

10. Canceled.

11.(Amended) A method of cooling a computer system comprising:

receiving a docking of a computer system;

aligning a set of apertures of a docking station with a set of apertures of the computer system [exposing a thermal spreader within the computer system];

a convective unit in the docking station removing internal ambient air from the computer system when the computer system is docked;

the docking station removing internal ambient air from the computer system when the computer system is docked by the docking station exhaling air from within the computer system; and

providing air to the computer from the docking station at a temperature lower than an ambient temperature within the computer system, the temperature of the air provided to the computer is reduced by a cooling unit within the docking station.

12. The method of claim 11, further including:

the docking station removing internal ambient air from the computer system when the computer system is docked by the docking station forcing air into the computer system.

14. Canceled.

15.(Amended) The method of claim 11, further including:

reducing [a temperature of the thermal spreader] an internal temperature of the computer system via air movement generated by the convection unit of the docking station.